



**Town of Mansfield**  
**Proclamation in Recognition of Fire Prevention Week**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Mansfield is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, Thermal burns from fire or flame outnumber scalds nearly two-to-one, but for children ages five and under, scalds outnumber burns roughly two-to-one; and,

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor of the Town of Mansfield, on behalf of the Town Council do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2009 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the Town of Mansfield, and urge all the people of Mansfield to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2009.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2009.*

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Elizabeth C. Paterson  
Mayor, Town of Mansfield  
September 14, 2009